REMARKS

Entry of this amendment as well as reconsideration and allowance of the subject

application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicates that the subject matters of claims 17 and 31 are allowable.

Although Applicant believes that the claims presented in the last amendment are patentable over

the applied prior art, the independent claims have been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter

of these claims. Apparatus claim 16 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 17.

Method claim 1 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 2 which recites the very

same language recited in claim 17. Claim 24 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of

claim 31 plus the intervening subject matter of claim 30 from which claim 31 depends. Claim 33

now incorporates the features of claims 36 and 37 which recite the same features as claim 30 and

allowable claim 31, respectively. Claim 9 incorporates the allowable subject matter of claims 30

and 31 recast in method claim format.

The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly

solicited.

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